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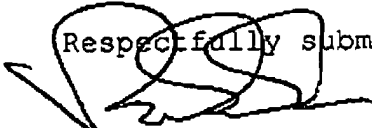
REMARKS

1. Claim 1 is amended. Claims 7 and 10-17 are canceled without prejudice to the subsequent filing of a continuation application. Claims 1-6, 8, and 9 are now pending in this case.

2. Independent claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 10, and intervening dependent claim 7. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8, and 9 are now believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

3. Examiner's thorough and thoughtful consideration of this application is sincerely appreciated. Should there be any remaining issue, the undersigned respectfully and cordially invites Examiner to telephone the undersigned for a speedy resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


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